

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend page 1, lines 4-10 of the specification as follows:

The present invention is related to commonly-assigned U.S. Patents, all of which were filed concurrently herewith and which are incorporated herein by reference: U.S. Patent _____ (serial number [[09/ _____]]10/007953), entitled "Kernel-Based Security Implementation"; U.S. Patent _____ (serial number [[09/ _____]]10/007446), entitled "Policy-Driven Kernel-Based Security Implementation"; and U.S. Patent _____ (serial number 09/ _____), entitled "Offload Processing for Secure Data Transfer".